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1. [] Received a call from Erik Rasmussen, in the office of Representative Lee Hamilton (D., Ind.), explaining they

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[] and it is being sent to the Representative. Mr. Rasmussen requested they receive only one copy of the report and that it be sent to Mike Van Dusen at 2170 Rayburn House Office Building. [] was advised of this request.

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[] called about the discussion on the floor of the Senate yesterday concerning Senator Cooper's bill (S. 2224) which would amend the National Security Act to require the Agency to keep the Congress informed with regard to intelligence information collected by the Agency and the Agency's analysis of this information. []

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[] wanted to discuss the ramifications of it with me. Later in the day I talked with [] and gave him some reactions to this bill which I made clear were strictly my personal feelings which should not be interpreted as Agency views. See Memorandum for the Record.

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3. [] Talked with Colgate Prentice, in State Department, and relayed to him the substance of my conversation with Mr. Ralph Burr, of OMB, on the Church and Badillo bills (S. 1887 and H. R. 8371). Prentice agreed not to push a State Department response on this and to develop some arguments against the legislation which could be submitted to Burr per his suggestion. Prentice also referred to the bills introduced by Senators Cooper, Case, and McGovern yesterday and we agreed that perhaps the whole package should be the basis of a discussion by the Legislative Interdepartmental Group.

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On file OMB release instructions apply.

DOS review(s) completed.

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4. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] called and said he was with [REDACTED] and wanted to know the Agency's views concerning the McGovern bill (apparently S. 2231 - which would require a single line item in the budget and an appropriations act for the Agency). He expressed himself as a staunch supporter of the necessity for Agency secrecy, indicated that he had been in the cryptographic field, and that he was opposed to the efforts of congressmen who were trying to undermine the constitutional authority of the President to conduct foreign affairs. I told him that I would have no comment on the proposed legislation and that, as he well knew, the Executive Branch has a specific process for coordinating the views of departments and agencies on proposed legislation. I terminated the conversation by offering to send him a copy of the Agency brochure to answer some of the questions he had raised and he appeared to be genuinely appreciative. Mr. Goodwin has been advised.

5. [REDACTED]

Called Ralph Burr, OMB, and obtained his concurrence to our revision of OMB's substitute language for our report to Chairman Hebert on H. R. 3578, Temporary National Security Commission. Burr ultimately deferred to our judgment to confine our comments to the Agency's interests and responsibilities (Burr tends to take an extremely broad view of the Agency's authorities and responsibilities under the National Security Act).

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